

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a grip for a hand railing, ~~or grab bar, or pole, the railing, grab bar, or pole having an outer surface, the grip~~ comprising:

a hand railing or grab bar having an outer surface;

a ~~body-skin~~ layer axially wrapped around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap, said skin layer having a first side and a second side opposite said first side top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said first side-top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;

a stretchable material having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface, said top surface of said stretchable material adhered to said ~~second side-bottom surface~~ of said ~~body-skin~~ layer; and

a releasable adhesive disposed on said bottom surface of said stretchable material, ~~said releasable adhesive configured to wherein said stretchable material is~~ releasably adhered to the outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a light emitter coupled with said ~~first side-top surface~~ of said ~~body-skin~~ layer.

4. (Original) The grip of Claim 3, wherein said light emitter is a material selected from the group consisting of phosphorescent chemicals, low grade radiant materials, electrically stimulated phosphorescent materials, reflective materials, and luminescent pigments.

5. (Original) The grip of Claim 3, wherein said light emitter is selected from the group consisting of fiber optics and flexible light emitting diodes.

6. (Original) The grip of Claim 3, wherein said light emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

7. (Original) The grip of Claim 3, wherein said light emitter is activated in the absence of light.

8. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a textured material coupled with said first side of said body.

9. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 6, wherein said textured material is an insulator.

10. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 6, wherein said textured material is formed into Braille language symbols.

11. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 6, wherein said textured material is a material selected from the group consisting of hard rubbers, soft rubbers, plastics, woven materials, and metals.

12. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a textured material integral with said body, said textured material comprising at least one of shapes, designs, and aggressive tread patterns that is formed by at least one of embossing, stippling, and perforating said body.

13. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, wherein said body comprises a fire retardant.

14. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a sound emitter coupled with said first side of said body.

15. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 14, wherein said sound emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

16. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 14, wherein said sound emitter is activated in the absence of light.

17. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 14, wherein said sound emitter is independently powered.

18. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a visual cue coupled with said first side of said body.
19. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 18, wherein said visual cue is selected from the group consisting of alignment targets, logos, graphics, shapes, and designs.
20. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a germ agent coupled with said first side of said body.
21. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 20, wherein said germ agent is at least one of antibacterial agents and antimicrobial agents.
22. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
an odor element coupled with said first side of said body.
23. (Currently Amended) The grip of Claim 1, further comprising:  
a backing layer adhered between said ~~body~~skin layer and said releasable adhesive.
24. (Original) The grip of Claim 1, wherein the grip substantially covers the outer surface.
25. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a grip for a hand railing, or grab bar, or pole,~~the railing, grab bar or pole having an outer surface,~~ the grip comprising:

a hand railing or grab bar having an outer surface;

a ~~body-skin~~ layer axially wrapped around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap, said skin layer having a ~~first side and a second side opposite said first side~~ top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said ~~first side~~ top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end; and

a releasable adhesive disposed on said ~~second side~~ bottom surface of said ~~body-skin~~ layer, ~~said releasable adhesive configured to~~ wherein said skin layer is releasably adhered to the outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:

a light emitter coupled with said ~~first side~~ top surface of said ~~body-skin~~ layer.

28. (Original) The grip of Claim 27, wherein said light emitter is a material selected from the group consisting of phosphorescent chemicals, low grade radiant materials, electrically stimulated phosphorescent materials, reflective materials, and luminescent pigments.

29. (Original) The grip of Claim 27, wherein said light emitter is selected from the group consisting of fiber optics and flexible light emitting diodes.

30. (Original) The grip of Claim 27, wherein said light emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

31. (Original) The grip of Claim 27, wherein said light emitter is activated in the absence of light.

32. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a textured material coupled with said first side of said body.

33. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 32, wherein said textured material is an insulator.

34. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 32, wherein said textured material is formed into Braille language symbols.

35. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 32, wherein said textured material is a material selected from the group consisting of hard rubbers, soft rubbers, plastics, woven materials, and metals.

36. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a textured material integral with said body, said textured material comprising at least one of shapes, designs, and aggressive tread patterns that is formed by at least one of embossing, stippling, and perforating said body.

37. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, wherein said body comprises a fire retardant.

38. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a sound emitter coupled with said first side of said body.

39. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 38, wherein said sound emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

40. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 38, wherein said sound emitter is activated in the absence of light.

41. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 38, wherein said sound emitter is independently powered.

42. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a visual cue coupled with said first side of said body.

43. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 42, wherein said visual cue is selected from the group consisting of alignment targets, logos, graphics, shapes, and designs.

44. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a germ agent coupled with said first side of said body.

45. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 44, wherein said germ agent is at least one of antibacterial agents and antimicrobial agents.

46. (Withdrawn) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
an odor element coupled with said first side of said body.

47. (Currently Amended) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a backing layer adhered between said ~~body~~ skin layer and said releasable adhesive.

48. (Currently Amended) The grip of Claim 25, further comprising:  
a stretchable layer adhered between said ~~body~~ skin layer and said releasable adhesive.

49. (Original) The grip of Claim 25, wherein the grip substantially covers the outer surface.

50. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a safety grip system for a hand railing, — or grab bar, or pole, the railing, grab bar, or pole having an outer surface, the method comprising:

providing a skin layer having a top surface, a bottom surface opposite said top surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;

providing a stretchable material having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;



adhering ~~a said~~ top surface of ~~a said~~ stretchable material ~~having said top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface to a second side said bottom surface of a body said skin layer~~ with an adhesive, ~~said body having a first side and said second side opposite said first side, wherein said first side is flat; and~~

applying a releasable adhesive on said bottom surface of said stretchable material, said releasable adhesive configured to adhere to the outer surface of a hand railing or grab bar;

providing a hand railing or grab bar having an outer surface; and

axially wrapping said skin layer around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap, wherein said skin layer is releasably adhered to said outer surface.

51. (Canceled).

52. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
disposing a light emitter coupled with said ~~first side~~ top surface of said ~~body~~ skin layer.

53. (Original) The method of Claim 52, wherein said light emitter is a material selected from the group consisting of phosphorescent chemicals, low grade radiant materials, electrically stimulated phosphorescent materials, reflective inks, and luminescent pigments.

54. (Original) The method of Claim 52, wherein said light emitter is selected from the group consisting of fiber optics and flexible light emitting diodes.

55. (Original) The method of Claim 52, wherein said light emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

56. (Original) The method of Claim 52, wherein said light emitter is activated in the absence of light.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
disposing a textured material coupled with said first side of said body.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 57, wherein said textured material is an insulator.

59. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 57, wherein said textured material is formed into Braille language symbols.

60. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 57, wherein said textured material is a material selected from the group consisting of hard rubbers, soft rubbers, plastics, woven materials, and metals.

61. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
a textured material integral with said body, said textured material comprising at least one of shapes, designs, and aggressive tread patterns that is formed by at least one of embossing, stippling, and perforating said body.
62. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, wherein said body comprises a fire retardant.
63. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
disposing a sound emitter coupled with said first side of said body.
64. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63, wherein said sound emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.
65. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63, wherein said sound emitter is activated in the absence of light.
66. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63, wherein said sound emitter is independently powered.
67. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
disposing a visual cue coupled with said first side of said body.
68. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 67, wherein said visual cue is selected from the group consisting alignment targets, logos, graphics, shapes, and designs.

69. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
disposing a germ agent coupled with said first side of said body.
70. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 69, wherein said germ agent is at least one of antibacterial agents and antimicrobial agents.
71. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
an odor element coupled with said first side of said body.
72. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:  
a backing layer adhered between said ~~body~~skin layer and said releasable adhesive.
73. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a safety grip ~~system~~ for a hand railing, or grab bar, or pole, ~~the railing, grab bar, or pole having an outer surface,~~ the method comprising:  
providing a skin layer having a top surface, a bottom surface opposite said top surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;  
applying a releasable adhesive on ~~a second side~~ said bottom surface of a ~~body~~ said skin layer; ~~said body having a first side and said second side opposite said first side, wherein said first side is flat and said releasable adhesive configured to adhere to the outer surface~~  
providing a hand railing or grab bar having an outer surface; and

axially wrapping said skin layer around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap, wherein said skin layer is releasably adhered to said outer surface.

74. (Canceled).

75. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
disposing a light emitter coupled with said ~~first side~~ top surface of said ~~body~~ skin layer.

76. (Original) The method of Claim 75, wherein said light emitter is a material selected from the group consisting of phosphorescent chemicals, low grade radiant materials, electrically stimulated phosphorescent materials, reflective materials, and luminescent pigments.

77. (Original) The method of Claim 75, wherein said light emitter is selected from the group consisting of fiber optics and flexible light emitting diodes.

78. (Original) The method of Claim 75, wherein said light emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

79. (Original) The method of Claim 75, wherein said light emitter is activated in the absence of light.

80. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
disposing a textured material coupled with said first side of said body.
81. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 80, wherein said textured material is  
an insulator.
82. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 80, wherein said textured material is  
formed into Braille language symbols.
83. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 80, wherein said textured material is a  
material selected from the group consisting of hard rubbers, soft rubbers, plastics,  
woven materials, and metals.
84. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
a textured material integral with said body, said textured material  
comprising at least one of shapes, designs, and aggressive tread patterns that is formed  
by at least one of embossing, stippling, and perforating said body.
85. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, wherein said body comprises a fire  
retardant.
86. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
disposing a sound emitter coupled with said first side of said body.

87. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 86, wherein said sound emitter is configured to activate responsive to pressure.

88. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 86, wherein said sound emitter is activated in the absence of light.

89. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 86, wherein said sound emitter is independently powered.

90. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
disposing a visual cue coupled with said first side of said body.

91. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 90, wherein said visual cue is selected from the group consisting alignment targets, logos, graphics, shapes, and designs.

92. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
disposing a germ agent coupled with said first side of said body.

93. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 92, wherein said germ agent is at least one of antibacterial agents and antimicrobial agents.

94. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
an odor element coupled with said first side of said body.

95. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 73, further comprising:  
a backing layer adhered between said ~~body~~ skin layer and said releasable adhesive.

96. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a secure, safe, releasably attachable grip on a hand railing,—or grab bar, ~~or pole having an outer surface~~, the system comprising:

a hand railing or grab bar having an outer surface;

a stretchable material having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface, said bottom surface releasably adhered to the outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar; and

a ~~body~~ skin layer adhered to said top surface of said stretchable material, said ~~body~~ skin layer having a ~~first side and a second side opposite said first side~~ top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said first side top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end, and said skin layer is axially wrapped around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap.

97. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a secure, safe, releasably attachable grip on a hand railing,—or grab bar, ~~or pole having an outer surface~~, the system comprising:

a hand railing or grab bar having an outer surface;

a skin layer having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end; and



a releasable adhesive adhered to ~~a second side of a body~~ said bottom surface of said skin layer, ~~said body having a first side and said second side opposite said first side~~, wherein said first side is flat, ~~said body releasably adhered to the outer surface~~

wherein said skin layer is axially wrapped around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap, and said skin layer is releasably adhered to said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar.

98. (Currently Amended) A method of folding a grip on a hand railing, or grab bar, ~~or pole having an outer surface~~, the method comprising:

disposing the grip on the outer surface of a hand railing or grab bar, the grip comprising a ~~body having a first side and a second side opposite said first side~~, ~~wherein said first side~~ skin layer having a top surface that is continuous and flat from a first end on said skin layer to a second end opposite said first end on said skin layer, a stretchable material having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface, said top surface of said stretchable material adhered to ~~said second side~~ bottom surface of said body skin layer, and a releasable adhesive disposed on said bottom surface of said stretchable material, said releasable adhesive configured to adhere to the outer surface; and

folding said grip around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar, wherein said skin layer is axially wrapped around said outer surface such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap.

99. (Original) The method of Claim 98, wherein the grip substantially covers the outer surface.

100. (Currently Amended) A method of folding a grip on a hand railing, or grab bar, or pole having an outer surface, the method comprising:

disposing the grip around the outer surface of a hand railing or grab bar, the grip comprising a ~~body having a first side and a second side opposite said first side,~~ wherein said first side skin layer having a top surface that is continuous and flat from a first end of said skin layer to a second end opposite said first end of said skin layer, and a releasable adhesive disposed on ~~said second side~~ a bottom surface of said body skin layer, said releasable adhesive configured to adhere to the outer surface; and

folding said grip around said outer surface of said hand railing or grab bar, wherein said skin layer is axially wrapped around said outer surface such that the edges of said skin layer do not overlap.

101. (Original) The method of Claim 100, wherein the grip substantially covers the outer surface.

102. (Withdrawn) A method of folding a grip on a railing, grab bar, or pole having an outer surface, the method comprising:

providing the grip, the grip comprising a body having a first side and a second side opposite said first side, said body having a first set of alignment targets disposed on said first side, a stretchable material having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface, said top surface adhered to said second side of said

body, and a releasable adhesive disposed on said bottom surface of said stretchable material, said releasable adhesive configured to adhere to the outer surface;

disposing a second set of alignment targets on the outer surface;

aligning said first set of said alignment targets with said second set of said alignment targets;

disposing the grip on the outer surface; and

folding the grip around the outer surface.

103. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 102, wherein the grip substantially covers the outer surface.

104. (Withdrawn) A method of folding a grip on a railing or pole having an outer surface, the method comprising:

providing the grip, the grip comprising a body having a first side and a second side opposite said first side, said body having a first set of alignment targets disposed on said first side, and a releasable adhesive disposed on said second side of said body, said releasable adhesive configured to adhere to the outer surface;

disposing a second set of alignment targets on the outer surface;

aligning said first set of said alignment targets with said second set of said alignment targets;

disposing the grip on the outer surface; and

folding the grip around the outer surface.

105. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 104, wherein the grip substantially covers the outer surface.